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## Record # of Students Attending Military Academies



(Rep. Hultgren with 14th District cadets)

I am very proud to announce that a record-setting number (13!) of 14th District students will attend our military service academies this coming academic year. Factors such as academic achievements, strong character, leadership skills, physical aptitude and

exceptional motivation are taken into consideration for service academy selection. These students embody the best of the 14th District and will represent our communities well as they begin their careers at these distinguished institutions.

Click [here for names, hometowns and the service academies they will attend.](#)

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## Protecting Affordable Housing



Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI) and I have introduced bipartisan legislation to strengthen the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) System by preserving access to mortgage credit and affordable housing assistance for millions of Americans.

**H.R. 2890, the Housing Opportunity Mortgage Expansion (HOME) Act** recognizes that the FHLB System is working, especially for my constituents in Illinois who are purchasing a home. It provides a reliable source of financing that community banks and credit unions in my community rely on for providing access to mortgage credit for families, not to mention its commitment to affordable housing through grant programs and down-payment assistance.



Click [here to learn more.](#)

## We Must Remain Engaged on UN Human Rights Council



I believe when America leads, much of the world welcomes our leadership and follows our example. This is no truer than in the promotion and protection of human rights around the world. While the UN Human Rights Council has been inconsistent in its promotion of human rights, Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA) and I view these weaknesses as opportunities for the United States to strengthen from within the Council's ability to promote and defend human rights.

In our [Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission](#) letter to President Trump and senior members of his Administration, we urge the U.S. to remain on the Council. Engagement remains the best path forward to safeguarding human rights, peace and security.

Click [here to read the letter.](#)

Click [here to read the Washington Examiner story on our effort.](#)

## Holding Turkey Accountable

In May, a number of Members of Congress and I sent a letter to Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson demanding justice following the brazen attack on American citizens and legal residents by Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan's security detail during his official visit to the United States.

Two Turkish men living in the United States that were involved in the attack have been arrested, and I am pleased that the D.C. police have issued additional warrants for 12 of the security guards involved in the attack.

Foreign leaders, diplomats and staff are invited guests of our nation, and they should act as such. All of those involved—at all levels—must be held accountable.

## Unifying Around the Flag amid Tragedy



Following the senseless and tragic shooting in Alexandria, Virginia, Democrats and Republicans came together in the U.S. Capitol to pray for our colleagues, staff, U.S. Capitol Police and all affected by

the attack.

I am greatly encouraged that Whip Steve Scalise, Zach Barth, Matt Mika, and Officers David Bailey and Crystal Griner continue to recover. I am deeply appreciative of the professionalism of local law enforcement and the U.S. Capitol Police, and their commitment to public safety. Without their presence and quick action at the baseball field, this attack could have been much worse.

Regardless of this shooter's motivations, I strongly defend freedom of speech, and that will never include someone using violence to promote their political beliefs. Peaceful resistance has always been a part of our country's fabric. In this heightened time of tension and emotion, any and all encouragement by fringe groups to carry out violent behavior and attacks must cease. It's time to put aside malice and pursue peaceful disagreement and civil discourse.

The attack took place on June 14—Flag Day, the day we remember and honor our nation's symbol of unity. Following the attack, the House canceled congressional business for the day. I wanted to share with you the following statement I had planned to deliver on the House floor to recognize how Flag Day particularly touches the 14th District and weaves our nation together. Following are my prepared remarks which were included in the Congressional Record:

*This week we celebrate the 101 years after President Wilson proclaimed June 14th Flag Day, forever weaving together two Illinois families.*

*The day created to recognize the national importance of that star spangled banner followed a years-long campaign by Batavia teacher Dr. Bernard Cigrand.*

*Our flag's woven seams connect more than stitches of red, white and blue, however.*

*On that fateful 1916 day, the daughter of the "Father of Flag Day" happened to share a seventh-grade classroom with a young Marion Moon.*

*53 years later, Marion Moon Aldrin's intrepid son planted the first American flag—or any flag, for that matter—on the surface*



*of the Moon.*

*Pioneering the reaches of space and armed with the American symbol of national identity, Buzz Aldrin lived up to his mother's maiden name, and honored the legacy of the Cigrand family.*

*One Illinois city, two families and our entire nation have been woven together by Flag Day.*

*May the red, white and blue forever be a beautiful reminder of the great spirit of our nation.*

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## Visiting Local Businesses Employing Refugees



(Rep. Hultgren meets refugees working at Newly Weds Foods in Yorkville)



In remembrance of World Refugee Day I had an inspiring chance to visit Newly Weds Foods in Yorkville and meet with refugees who, following extremely difficult situations abroad, are working hard to make life work in the United States.

America has always been about welcoming people who truly have no place to go. One gentleman told me it took his family 10 years(!) to find refuge. There are ways we can ensure the security of the process while working towards an effective, speedy system that ensures the most vulnerable are welcomed. I want to extend a big thanks to Newly Weds Foods and World Relief DuPage/Aurora, a refugee resettlement agency which helps these individuals and families find employment soon after arrival to the United States.



(Rep. Hultgren meets refugees working at Newly Weds Foods in Yorkville)

Read local news stories reporting on the visit [here](#) and [here](#).

## Happy 50th Fermilab!

At Fermilab, out-of-the-box ideas become experiments, experiments become discoveries, and discoveries change our world. It's why I support robust funding for our national labs, and I am proud to celebrate Fermilab's 50 years of inspiring discovery and research!



(Click picture to watch video)

If you haven't already, be sure to [like my Facebook page](#), follow me on Twitter ([@RepHultgren](#)), or [check out my YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

In Your Service,



*Randy Hultgren  
Member of Congress  
14th District, Illinois*

## Randy in the News



- [Former, current Illinois lawmakers don't see big security changes coming \(Daily Herald\)](#)
- [Hultgren Tours Newly Weds Foods in Yorkville; Speaks With Former Refugees Employed With Company \(WSPY News\)](#)
- [Illinois' Davis was in batter's box when congressional shooting happened \(Daily Herald\)](#)
- [Illinois Reps weigh in on House vote to repeal Dodd-Frank regulations \(Illinois News Network\)](#)
- [Northern Illinois Congressman Co-Sponsors Bill To Protect Veterans' Credit \(WNIJ/WNIU Northern Public Radio\)](#)
- [Op-ed: Pass Small Business Tax Reform Now \(The Daily Caller\)](#)
- [Randy Hultgren: US should remain on UN council to address human rights abuses \(Washington Examiner\)](#)
- [Rep. Hultgren tours Yorkville company that hires refugees \(Kendall County Now\)](#)

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